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SUBJECT: STATUS OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

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SUMMARY: EXPERTS CONFIRM TALKS CONTINUING BUT SOLUTION NOT RPT
NOT NEAR. DEKLERIS DENIES ATHENS/ANKARA COLLUSION.
OSORIO-TAFALL WILL STAY ON FOR A WHILE. POSSIBLE UPSURGE IN
LEFT'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST NATIONAL GUARD AS ATHENS INSTRUMENT.
END SUMMARY

1. IN REMARKS TO PRESS MARCH 19, CONSTITUTIONAL
EXPERTS DEKLERIS AND ALDIKACTI MADE PLAIN THAT TALKS
FAR FROM ANY SOLUTION.

2. DEKLERIS TOOK PAINS TO SCOTCH REPORTS OF SECRET TALKS
ELSEWHERE RE CYPRUS PROBLEM (A CENTRAL THEME IN VERY
SKITTISH LEFTIST PRESS THESE DAYS). RAPPING PRESS FOR
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IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING, HE EMPHASIZED THAT CYPRUS

PROBLEM ONLY BEING ADDRESSED IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS.
(TURK AMB INHAN DENIES ANY SECRET ATHENS/ANKARA
AGREEMENT RE CYPRUS.) DEKLERIS CAUTIONED, HOWEVER,
THAT NO RPT NO AGREEMENT YET IN SIGHT, THOUGH TALKS
GOING SMOOTHLY. THORNY QUESTIONS--POLICE, ARMY,
AND OTHERS (UNSPECIFIED)--REMAIN TO BE ADDRESSED IN
ADDITION TO CHAPTER ON CONTROL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

3. ALDIKACTI SAID HE WILL GIVE DEKLERIS HIS PROPOSAL
FOR STATE CONTROL OF LOCAL GOVT THIS WEEK, STRESSING THIS
NOT RPT NOT RESPONSE TO DEKLERIS' DOCUMENT BUT ENTIRELY
SEPARATE PROPOSAL. COMMENT: TURKS APPARENTLY
HAVE DECIDED SET ASIDE DEKLERIS PAPER WITHOUT FORMAL
REPLY, AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ASSUME GREEK
SIDE WILL FIND ALDIKACTI PAPER EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND
EXPERTS WILL THEN MOVE ON TO OTHER AREAS, IN LINE
GENERAL POLICY OF AVOIDING DEADLOCK OVER THORNIEST ISSUES
AND CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON PERIPHERAL SUBJECTS. END
COMMENT

4. IN SME FORUM OSORIO-TAFALL SAID HE WOULD STAY ON
AS UNSYG REP "AS LONG AS I HAVE HOPE", WHILE OPENLY
STATING HIS PREFERENCE DO SOMETHING ELSE.
(OSORIO-TAFALL'S CHOICE OF PHRASING NOT RPT NOT IDEAL
BUT WE ASSUME HE WILL REMAIN SOME MONTHS, WITH
WECKMANN BUSY IN IRAN/IRAQ DISPUTE.)

5. WE HAVE NOTICED IN PAST WEEK THAT SECTION OF PRESS,
INCLUDING PRO-GOVT "PHILELEFTHEROS" HAS STRUCK HARDER
LINE AGAINST TURK "FEDERATION" DEMAND, BY ESCALATING
PROPAGANDA COUNTER TO "FEDERATION" FROM "UNITARY STATE"
TO "RETURN TO SELF-DETERMINATION" (ENOSIS). IN EVEN
MORE UNHELPFUL VEIN, LYSSARIDES' "TA NEA" IS
PUBLISHING DENKTASH'S DECEMBER PAPER (REF NICOSIA 2594)
PAGE BY PAGE, WITH PREDICTABLE LURID HEADLINE TREATMENT
RE TURK EXTREMISM.

6. LEFT'S NERVOUSNESS (REFTTEL) RE GREECE AND
ITS INSTRUMENTS CONTINUES. AKEL LEADER PAPAIOANNOU
HAS FORMALLY TABLED QUERY IN HOUSE ASKING GOVT
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PUNISH NATIONAL GUARD SERGEANTS WHO MALTREATED RECRUIT
WHO REPORTEDLY WAS BEATEN
BECAUSE HE HAD EARLIER APPLIED ENROLL IN POLICE FORCE
AND HAD RECOGNIZED MAKARIOS AS HEAD OF STATE. THOUGH
NATIONAL GUARD HAS BEEN FREQUENT TARGET OF LEFT FOR
SOME TIME, THIS FIRST INSTANCE ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED
IN HOUSE IN SUCH STARK FORM AND MAY INDICATE
ORCHESTRATED LEFT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ATHENS CONTROL OF NATIONAL

GUARD (DATT SOURCES TAKE THIS VIEW).

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